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REFERENCE B4: JP 10-31075: From the Abstract provided by the European Patent Office: "The system includes two rows of observation apparatuses (1A-1G, 2A-2G) which individually produce the observation data based on the detected seismic waves. Radio communication is facilitated between adjoining observation apparatuses in each row. A relay apparatus (21, 22) is provided for every observation apparatus row. Each relay apparatus can communicate with the observation apparatus by radio. Each observation apparatus is controlled through each relay by central control apparatus (32). The central control apparatus receives the observation data from the observation apparatus via each relay apparatus and transmits observation data to the other relay apparatus."

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Other Art (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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/SH/	C1	International Search Report dated May 11, 2004, for Application No. PCT/EP03/50872 (Attorney Docket No. 14.0225-PCT).
/SH/	C2	UK Search Report dated May 6, 2003, for Application No. GB 0227293.8 (Attorney Docket No. 14.0225-GB).

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